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A critique of the EuraLille business district and the urban planning ideology that gave rise to it.

The third business district of its kind in France, EuraLille marked Lille's arrival in the enchanted world of major European cities. But its developers can be blamed not only for having given birth to one of the ugliest urban complexes of its era, but also for designing an oppressive architecture, abolishing political divisions, turning the entire city into a commodity. More than just the tale of politicians permanently scarring a formerly working-class area, *Against EuraLille* makes a case against urban utopianism now running rampant in Paris, Lyon, Marseille, and Toulouse, a plea that cities not be fashioned after the whims of the economy, but rather the habits of their citizens.

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